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1. The purpose of the Overseas Commercial and Industrial Circles Visiting Group to China (海外工商界回國觀光團), more frequently known as the China Visiting Group, is said to be the guidance of overseas Chinese in giving their support to the economic reconstruction of Communist China.
2. LI T'ieh-min (李鐵民), one of the principal organizers of the China Visiting Group, wrote to a number of leading businessmen in Singapore in connection with their possible participation in the organization. LEE Kong Chian (LI Kuang-ch'ien - 李光前), the well-known Singapore rubber merchant, expressed in his reply his support of the project and his regret that he would be unable to take part in the first trip because he would be in Europe attending the Rubber Study Group Conference. A number of other businessmen in Singapore and the Federation of Malaya appear to have expressed their desire to participate, but TAN Lark Sye (CH'EN Liu-shih - 陳六使), president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and YAP Gook Tui (YEH Yu-tui - 葉玉堆), among others, have said they regret that their business leaves them no time to take part in the China Visiting Group. Still others have not replied, and LI T'ieh-min thinks they are waiting to see how things develop before committing themselves.
3. The Preparatory Committee of the China Visiting Group set the end of April as the date for beginning the journey, and sent a list of instructions to the persons intending to join the group. These instructions are summarized as follows:

Registration: The registration of participants must close at the end of March.

Place of Assembly: Participants must assemble in Hong Kong during the period 15 - 20 April.

Traveling Expenses: Each participant shall contribute Hong Kong (HK) \$200 toward the expenses of the group. The traveling expenses for each participant were fixed provisionally at HK \$2,000, with the

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understanding that this will be adjusted according to the actual expenses incurred. The total amount of HK \$2,200 must be paid during the assembly period in Hong Kong.

- Number of Persons : The total membership of the Group should not exceed 50 participants at a time.
- Luggage : Each participant shall bring with him two sets of cold-weather clothing, two sets of summer clothing, one traveling blanket, one cloak, daily necessities and medicines.
- Itinerary : Canton - Hankow - Tientsin - Peiping - Mukden - Changchun - Harbin - Dairen.
- Return Journey: : Tsingtao - Tsinan - Nanking - Shanghai - Hangchow - Nanchang - Canton.
- Guide and Entertainment: : By the Chinese Communist government.
- Qualifications for participation : Any of those democratic people (i. e., Commercial people and industrialists) and those who do not cooperate with the reactionary elements, shall be eligible for participation in the China Visiting Group.
- Place of Registration : 27 Connaught Road West, second floor, Hong Kong. LI T'ieh-min and CHAN Kuan Lang*** are in charge of registration.

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